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The purpose of this E-mail memorandum is to notify staff that, effective immediately, intake may resume at Home Court Advantage, Inc. (HCA). Intake was

voluntarily suspended on August 9, 2004, as the result of HCA's desire to address structural, policy and program changes that would address resident safety concerns.

Throughout the voluntary intake suspension, HCA has worked to revise its organizational structure, admissions process, personnel hiring and training procedures. There has been a complete reorganization and expansion of its Board of Directors, two additional mid-level managers positions have been added to provide better supervision in the homes, an admissions process that is more clinically based has been implemented, and a new personnel hiring and training policy has been adopted. These changes, combined with its excellent relationship with Bolivar R-1 schools and renewed commitment by management will assist HCA as it continues to work to provide quality services for children and youth in a safe and, nurturing, environment.

Please feel free to contact <u>Fred Proebsting</u>, State Supervisor, Residential Program Unit (RPU), at (573) 751-4954 if you have any questions or comments regarding this matter.

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